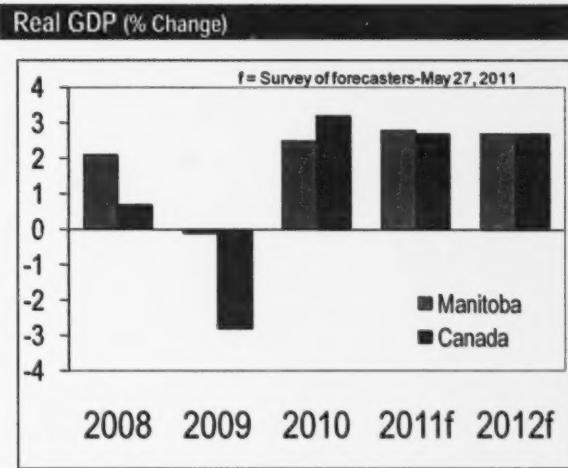


Manitoba Economic Highlights

Economic Overview

Real Gross Domestic Product

- The Survey of Major Economic Forecasters projects that the Manitoba will grow 2.8% in 2011 and 2.7% in 2012.
- Manitoba Bureau of Statistics show Manitoba's real GDP expanded 2.5% in 2010.
- Statistics Canada estimated that Manitoba real GDP was unchanged in 2009 the best performance among the provinces and the only province to not have a decline in the value of real GDP. Canada is estimated to have declined 2.8%.



Consumer Price Index

- In 2011 (year-to-date (y-t-d)), the Manitoba CPI increased 2.5% compared to the 2.8% Canadian increase.
- Consumer transportation prices are up 4.7% while clothing & footwear and health & personal care components of the Manitoba CPI are all lower on a year-to-date basis.
- Manitoba CPI increased 0.8% in 2010, the lowest among provinces and compared to 1.8% Canadian increase.

- Real GDP growth forecast to improve to 2.8% in 2011 up from 2.5% in 2010.
- Manufacturing and export sales gaining momentum increasing by 8.3% and 12.3% so far in 2011, respectively.
- Employment is up 8,800 and the labour force is up 8,200 so far in 2011.
- Population has increase by 16,915 over the last year (Jan 1, 2011), the largest annual increase in 39 years.
- Manitoba housing starts hit a 23-year record in 2010 at 5,888 units

Labour Market

Employment

- Manitoba's total employment in May 2011 is 625,000.
- In 2011 (y-t-d), employment is up 1.4% or 8,800 jobs and the labour force is up 1.3% or 8,200 new entrants.
- Manitoba's employment and labour force growth are both ranked fifth best among provinces.
- In 2010, Manitoba's employment increased 1.9%. Manitoba's labour force expanded 2.0%. The 2010 employment and labour force increases were the strongest since 2002.

Employment (% Change)		
	2010	2011 ytd
Manitoba		
Total Employment	1.9	1.4
Full-Time	1.2	1.8
Part-Time	5.1	0.0
Canada		
Total Employment	1.4	1.8

Note: Changes are calculated relative to the corresponding period in the previous year.

Unemployment Rate

- Manitoba's unemployment rate in May is 5.3%, second lowest among provinces.
- In 2011 (y-t-d), Manitoba has the lowest unemployment rate among provinces at 5.3% and below the 7.7% national average.
- In 2010, Manitoba's unemployment rate was 5.4%, second lowest behind Saskatchewan. The youth unemployment rate was 11.1%, the second lowest in Canada.
- Over the past decade, Manitoba's unemployment rate has averaged 2.2 percentage points below Canada. In 2010, this spread increased to 2.6 points.

Average Weekly Earnings

- In 2011 (y-t-d), average weekly earnings in Manitoba were up 4.0%, fifth highest among provinces and below Canada's increase of 4.1%.
- In 2010, average weekly earnings in Manitoba were up 2.0%, below Canada's increase of 3.6%.

Population

- As of January 1, 2011, Manitoba's population stood at 1,243,653, a one-year increase of 16,915 persons. This is the largest annual increase in 39 years.
- The most significant factor driving Manitoba's population growth is the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP). Since it began immigration to Manitoba under PNP has steadily increased.
- In 2010, immigration increased to 15,805 persons following 13,520 persons in 2009.

Net Migration

- In 2010, 11,315 more people moved to Manitoba than left.
- During the same period, net international immigration totaled 13,760 and net inter-provincial out-migration totaled 2,421. Natural increase totaled 5,600.

Economic Activity

Manufacturing Sales

- Showing an improvement through 2010, in 2011 (y-t-d), Manitoba manufacturing sales increased 8.3%, ranked sixth and below the 8.5% national increase.
- The increase in sales is broad based with chemicals, machinery equipment, primary metals and transportation equipment leading growth while electrical and wood product sales lagging growth.
- In 2010, Manitoba manufacturing sales decreased 1.6% to \$14.4 billion. Canadian sales increased 8.9%. Prior to 2010, Manitoba's performance bettered the national average for nine consecutive years.

Leading Industries with Strongest Growth Manufacturing Sales (% Chg.)

	2010	2011ytd
Chemicals	(11.5)	22.0
Machinery	(9.4)	19.7
Primary Metals	14.0	12.1

Farm Cash Receipts

- In the first quarter of 2011, Manitoba farm cash receipts are down 4.0%. Crop receipts decreased 8.7% due to declines in canola and flax receipts. Livestock receipts were up 3.1% with strength in hog receipts partially offset by weakness in cattle receipts. Direct payments increased 8.3%.
- In 2010, Manitoba cash receipts increased 0.1% to \$4.8 billion. Manitoba's increase was the fourth best performance among provinces.

Farm Cash Receipts (% Change)

	2010	2011ytd
Canola	5.0	(20.8)
Wheat	(9.0)	25.2
Hogs	13.7	7.9
Cattle	1.4	(4.8)
Total Farm Cash	0.1	(4.0)

Note: Changes are calculated relative to the corresponding period in the previous year.

- Agricultural diversification has altered the structure of the sector. In 1990, wheat accounted for 29% of farm cash receipts but by 2010 only 13%. In 2010, the largest receipts source was canola (23%) followed by wheat, hogs (17%) and cattle (9%).

Retail Sales

- In 2011 (y-t-d), Manitoba retail sales increased 4.0%, above the Canadian increase of 2.7%. Manitoba has the third highest retail sales growth among provinces in 2011.
- 2011 sales are increasing on the strength of gasoline (19.1%), motor vehicles (8.8%), personal care (7.2%) and electronic and appliances (6.6%).
- In 2010, Manitoba retail sales increased 5.6%, ranked third highest among provinces and higher than the 5.5% increase in Canada. Manitoba sales rose on the strength of motor vehicles (13.8%), personal care (11.8%), gasoline (10.8%), and home furnishings (6.0%).

Investment

- Statistics Canada's Private and Public Investment Survey released February 2011 projected Manitoba's capital investment to increase 1.1% below the Canadian increase of 3.3%. Manitoba's private investment is projected to decrease 0.6% and public investment to increase 1.9%.
- A number of major investment projects are currently underway, including the Wuskwatim hydro-electric dam, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Seasons of Tuxedo shopping complex, and the stadium at University of Manitoba.
- Manitoba's capital investment for 2010 was revised up to 10.4% growth, from a 1.1% decline forecast last February.
- Manitoba's total capital investments increased to a record \$10.7 billion in 2010. Private investment increased 3.6% while public capital investment increased 25.2%.
- Each year since 2006 to 2010, Manitoba has surpassed the national annual growth in

capital investment. Manitoba investments increased 9.6% annually, compare to a national average of 4.7% annually.

Housing Starts

- In the first three months of 2011, Manitoba housing starts declined 14.9% lower than the 4.2% national decline. Single starts were down 5.0% while multiples were down 30.3%.
- In the first five months of 2011, Manitoba urban housing starts increased 9.4% better than the 6.9% national decline. Single starts were down 8.8% while multiples increased 49.0%.
- Manitoba housing starts increased 41.1% in 2010 to 5,888 units, the highest level since 1987. Single starts rose 30.7% (3,976 units) while multiples increased 68.9% (1,912 units).
- Manitoba's growth in housing starts in 2010 was third highest among provinces and well above the national average (27.4%).

Housing Starts (All Areas)

(% Change)

	Manitoba	Canada
2008	(3.5)	(7.6)
2009	(24.6)	(29.4)
2010	41.1	27.4
2011ytd	(14.9)	(4.2)

Building Permits

- In 2011 (y-t-d), the value of Manitoba building permits decreased 1.5%, sixth highest among provinces and compared to a 2.5% decrease nationally.
- Manitoba residential permits decreased 3.0% while non-residential permits increased 2.3%. The non-residential growth is led by industrial (92.8%) and governments (21.0%) while commercial (-20.7%) permits declined.

Note: Changes are calculated relative to the corresponding period in the previous year.

- Total permits in Winnipeg increased 3.0% while outside of Winnipeg they declined 11.4%, so far in 2011.
- In 2010, Value of building permits increased 12.6% in Manitoba and 18.0% in Winnipeg. Permits in Canada were up 18.7%.

Bankruptcies

- In the first four months of 2011, business bankruptcies were down 44.1% in Manitoba and down 16.3% in Canada.
- In the first four months of 2011, consumer bankruptcies were down 24.6% in Manitoba and down 15.3% in Canada.
- In 2010, business bankruptcies increased 4.6% to 68 in Manitoba, and declined 24.9% in Canada.
- In 2010, consumer bankruptcies decreased 18.4% in Manitoba and 20.4% Canada.

Foreign Merchandise Exports

- In the first four months of 2011, Manitoba exports increased 12.3%, while Canadian exports were up 9.6%.
- In the first four months of 2011, Manitoba's U.S. exports increased 3.2% while non-U.S. exports were up 30.6%.
- In 2010, Manitoba exports decreased 2.6%, while Canadian exports were up 11.9%. Manitoba non-U.S. exports were up 7.7% and Manitoba's U.S. exports decreased 7.5%.

Foreign Merchandise Exports (% Change)		
	2010	2011ytd
All Countries	(2.6)	12.3
U.S.	(7.5)	3.2
Non-U.S.	7.7	30.6

Hydro-Electricity Sales

- In 2011 (y-t-d), the value of hydro sales increased 4.5% with a 11.9% increase in domestic sales being offset by a 22.1% decline in export sales.
- Exports to other Canadian provinces decreased 36.1% while U.S. exports fell 18.6%.
- In 2010, the value of hydro sales increased 0.5% with a 0.2% decline in domestic sales being offset a 2.6% increase in export sales.

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